

Macomb County Democratic Committee By-Laws
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Article 1. NAME AND MEMBERSHIP

- Section 1. This organization shall be known as the Macomb County Democratic Committee.
- Section 2. The Macomb County Democratic Committee shall be a nonprofit organization and shall be the official parent body for Macomb County Democratic activities. The County Committee shall consist of the number of persons equal to twice the number of candidates for County, State legislative and U.S. House of Representatives offices for which candidates were nominated at the most recent fall primary election whose districts include part of Macomb County. The General Membership includes all dues-paying members of the Michigan Democratic Party residing in Macomb County, and all duly elected Democratic precinct delegates in Macomb County.

Article 2. PURPOSE

- Section 1. The purpose of the County Committee is to promote the current platform of the Democratic Party at the national, state, and local levels and to aid and coordinate this activity through united action within Macomb County. Three objectives are primary:
- A. Electing and appointing Democrats to public offices and positions.
 - B. Raising resources; and,
 - C. Increasing membership.
- Section 2. All candidates in Democratic primary elections shall be offered equal opportunity to appear before any official meeting of the County Committee. This section shall not be construed to inhibit any member of the County Committee from exercising his or her inherent right to participate in the primary elections according to the dictates of his or her conscience.
- Section 3. When a candidate is seeking support for a non-partisan elected office,
- A. The screening committee, composed of the officers of the Macomb County Democratic Committee, must approve the endorsement by a majority vote of at least 60% of those present and voting. If approved, the recommendation to endorse shall be forwarded to the County Committee.
 - B. The County Committee must then, by a majority vote of at least 60% of those present and voting, approve the endorsement.
 - C. This process begins when a candidate for non-partisan office requests endorsement, by letter or email to the Chair of the Macomb

County Democratic Committee and the Chair confirms that the request has been received.

Article 3. ORGANIZATION

Section 1. This organization shall be affiliated with the Michigan Democratic State Central Committee.

Section 2. No local organization shall use the name of the Democratic Party until it has complied with all rules and policies of the County Committee and has received a certificate of affiliation. Local organizations shall take no action conflicting with the principles and policies of the County Committee. We encourage local clubs and caucuses to require their members to also join the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 3. Local clubs may be chartered through the established process of the Michigan Democratic Party. Upon reviewing proposed by-laws, the officers of the Macomb County Democratic Committee may vote to send a required letter of recommendation to the Michigan Democratic Party.

Article 4. OFFICERS

Section 1. The Officers shall consist of a Chairperson, a Statutory Vice Chairperson of the opposite gender of the Chairperson, a Secretary, and Treasurer. Other Vice-Chairpersons may be elected by the County Committee at the fall Macomb County Democratic Convention every two years.

Section 2. The duties of the Officers shall be as follows:

A. The Chairperson shall cause to be issued the call for all regular or special meetings of the County Committee and the General Membership and shall preside at such meetings

B. The Statutory Vice-Chairperson shall assist the Chairperson in his or her duties. In the event of the absence of the Chairperson, the Statutory Vice-Chairperson shall assume the duties of the Chairperson.

C. The Treasurer shall receive from every proper source all such monies or other assets duly creditable to this organization, make authorized disbursements, deposits, or dispositions of said assets and keep an accurate, comprehensive account of all such transactions. The Treasurer shall submit a report at each meeting of the County Committee, with copies furnished to the Secretary. The Treasurer shall prepare or oversee the preparation of and submit to

the proper authorities all other reports as required by federal and state campaign law.

The Treasurer is required to be bonded.

The Treasurer shall provide the books of the County Committee to be audited at least annually. The books shall consist of all accounts currently open and held in the name of the County Committee. The audit shall be conducted by three members of the County Committee who are not the Chair, Statutory Vice-Chair, Secretary, or Treasurer of the Macomb County Democratic Committee, appointed by the officers, who shall report back their findings at a meeting of the County Committee in the First Quarter of the year.

Any group of five (5) members of the Macomb County Democratic Committee may appeal the results of the audit to the Michigan Democratic Party by following the appeals process as laid out in the by-laws of the Michigan Democratic Party.

- D. The Secretary shall keep minutes of each meeting of the Officers, County Committee, and General Membership properly dated and in chronological order, and shall report to each body at the following meeting.

Article 5. COUNTY COMMITTEE

- Section 1. The County Committee shall consist of all Democratic nominees in the most recent primary election for County, State legislative and U.S. House of Representatives office, whose districts were in part of Macomb County and twice the number of individuals elected and seated at the fall Macomb County Democratic Convention every two years.
- Section 2. The County Committee shall have all the powers and perform all the duties, including the filling of vacancies and nominations as prescribed by law. The County Committee may delegate any or all its powers and duties as it deems proper.
- Section 3. The County Committee shall submit all actions for consideration at the next meeting. If the County Committee disapproves of an action by a two-thirds majority of those present and voting at an official session, such action shall be reconsidered by the County Committee at its next meeting.
- Section 4. Any vacancy of a County Committee position can be filled by a vote of the County Committee at a regularly scheduled meeting

Article 6. COMMITTEES

Section 1. In order to guide the efforts of the County Committee toward the highest achievement of its intent and purpose it may appoint, and dissolve committees as needed.

Article 7. MEETINGS

Section 1. The County Committee shall meet not less than quarterly. The Chairperson may call special meetings of the County Committee and the County Committee at its discretion and will follow notice guidelines as laid out in the Michigan Democratic Party by-laws. The County Committee may call special meetings of the body as deemed necessary. Further, upon petition of twenty-five members of the County Committee, the County Chairperson shall call a meeting of the County Committee. Majority of those present and voting shall constitute a quorum for conducting business by the County Committee.

Section 2. Committees shall meet at the discretion of the respective Chairperson or at the request of the County Chairperson or by direction in official session of the County Committee or the County Committee.

Section 3. The County Chairperson shall issue or cause to be issued over his or her name written notice by mail or email of all meetings of the County Committee and the County Committee, stating matters of interest, designating time and place of said meetings, to each member of the organization following notice guidelines as laid out in the Michigan Democratic Party by-laws.

Section 4. Meetings of the County Committee shall be conducted under Revised Roberts Rules of Order consistent with the By-laws and Rules of the Michigan Democratic Party.

Section 5. Meetings and voting may be conducted with electronic means.

Section 6. Any member can bring forward a resolution in print. The resolution will be forwarded to a Resolutions Committee for review and possible recommendation and presented back to the County Committee at the next meeting.

Article 8. FINANCIAL OBLIGATIONS

Section 1. Any expenditure over \$500 needs a vote of the Officers outside of the administration of meeting and event notices.

Section 2. All disbursements shall be paid by check. The Treasurer is responsible for all disbursements.

Article 9. RATIFICATION AND AMENDMENTS OF BY-LAWS

Section 1. These By-Laws shall be in full force and effect upon their adoption by a two-thirds majority vote of those present and seated at a meeting of the County Committee and shall supersede all previous By-Laws.

Section 2. These By-Laws may be amended by presenting such proposal, in writing, at a meeting of the County Committee and referring the proposal to the By-Laws Committee. The By-Laws Committee shall present their recommendation, in writing, for action at the next meeting of the County Committee. A two-thirds majority vote of members seated shall be necessary to adopt a change in the By-Laws.

Section 3. These By-Laws shall be reviewed every January of the odd numbered years.

Article 10. DISSOLUTION

Section 1. Upon dissolution of the Macomb County Democratic Committee, all assets and real and personal property shall revert to the parent organization.

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